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SUBJ: DAYAN BRIEFING AT MFA

1. THE FOLLOWING JULY 25 DAYAN BRIEFING OF SENIOR MFA
STAFF WAS RELEASED BY MFA SPOKESMAN. SEE ESPECIALLY
PARA 5-8.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AT THE BRIEFING HELD BY THE FOREIGN
MINISTER, MR MOSHE DAYAN, AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY,
MR DAYAN DISCUSSED A MEETING WITH A HIGH
EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE
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MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, BEFORE THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S
VISIT TO JERUSALEM, AT THAT MEETING, WHICH
FOLLOWED UPON PREVIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN NON-
POLITICIANS, NO OPERATIVE TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED.
AT THAT SAME MEETING THE FOREIGN MINISTER PROPOSED
A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME
MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN, BUT THE REPLY WAS THAT

SADAT WOULD NOT MEET WITH THE PM
UNTIL ISRAEL REMOVED ITS LAST SOLDIER FROM
EGYPTIAN SOIL. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT
EVERY PROPOSAL IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE
PM, BUT WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS.

3. AT THIS MEETING NEITHER THE FUTURE OF THE SINAI
NOR THE ISRAELI PEACE PLAN WERE DISCUSSED.
THEREFORE, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE
BELIEF THAT SADAT WAS BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM BY
CONCESSIONS ON THE SINAI OR PARTS OF IT, MADE
IN ADVANCE.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS MENTIONED THAT AFTER
THE SIX DAY WAR WE OFFERED THE SINAI TO NASSER
AND HE RESPONDED BY SAYING, "NO PEACE, NO
RECOGNITION, NO NEGOTIATIONS." HOWEVER, SADAT
AFTER THE 1973 WAR, REACHED THE CONCLUSION
THAT BY MEANS OF KISSINGER, HE WOULD OBTAIN MORE THAN BY
MEANS OF WAR.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE THREE CLAUSES OF THE GOVERNMENT
RESOLUTION, AS IT WAS PRESENTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER
AT THE KNESSET YESTERDAY, MR DAYAN SAID BY WAY OF
CLARIFICATION THAT WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 BORDERS,
INCLUDING MINOR ADJUSTMENTS, THE INTRODUCTION OF ARAB
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SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE EVACUATED AREAS EVEN WITH SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS BY WAY OF COMPENSATION, IS UNACCEPTABLE TO
ISRAEL FOR CONSIDERATIONS OF SECURITY, PRINCIPLE, AND
PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE SECURITY CONSIDERATION
IS THAT A MINIMAL TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY IS REQUIRED FOR
ISRAEL'S SECURITY EVEN WITH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. THE
CONSIDERATION OF PRINCIPLE IS THAT WE DO NOT DESIRE TO
BE CONSIDERED FOREIGNERS IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA AND GAZA,
WHICH IN FACT MEANS THE DEPARTURE OF THE ISRAELI SETTLERS,
AND THE NEED FOR ISRAELIS TO OBTAIN VISAS IN ORDER TO
ENTER THESE AREAS. THE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION IS THE
NEED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NORMAL LIFE, THE NEED FOR
FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE GAZA STRIP, ISRAEL AND
JUDEA AND SAMARIA, THE EXPLOITATION OF SOURCES OF
WATER AND SO FORTH.

6. REGARDING THE SECOND CLAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION,
THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT WE WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR
THAT SHOULD THE NEED ARISE WE WILL AGREE TO CONSIDER

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TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE ALSO. THE EGYPTIANS, HOWEVER,
REJECTED OUTRIGHT THE MATTER OF TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE.
THE AMERICANS TOO DO NOT SEE IN IT A MEANS TO A SOLUTION,
BUT WE FELT IT CORRECT TO EMPHASIZE THAT A CONCRETE
PROPOSAL SHOULD BE MADE - AND THE STRESS HERE IS UPON A
CONCRETE PROPOSAL SO THAT NO ONE CAN SAY THAT "MINOR
ADJUSTMENTS" REPRESENT A TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE - WE WILL
BE WILLING TO CONSIDER IT.

7. REGARDING THE THIRD CLAUSE, WHICH STATES THAT IF THE
ISRAELI PROPOSAL OF AUTONOMY IS ACCEPTED, THEN
ISRAEL IS WILLING TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY
IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA IN FIVE YEAR'S TIME, THE FOREIGN
MINISTER SAID THAT THIS FORMULATION IS DIFFERENT FROM
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THE REPLY GIVEN TO THE AMERICANS A MONTH AGO. AT THAT
TIME WE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THE

NATURE OF FUTURE RELATIONS BUT WE DID NOT AGREE TO CONCLUDE THE MATTER OF SOVERIEGNTY. THIS TIME WE ARE SAYING THAT WE WILL FIND A SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION, IF IT IS RAISED BY ANY SIDE. THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THERE IS NO NEED TO THINK OF A SINGLE UNCOMPROMISING SOLUTION FROM ANY DIRECTION.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT HE SEES IN THIS CLAUSE A POSITIVE ELEMENT. HE NOTED THE AGREEMENT OF SEVERAL POINTS BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS, AS THEY WERE LAID ON THE TABLE AT THE LEEDS CONFERENCE (THE CESSATION OF MILITARY ADMINISTRATION IN THE ADMINISTERED AREAS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, WHICH THE EGYPTIANS CALL A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AT THE END OF WHICH SELF-DETERMINATION WILL BE GRANTED TO THE PALESTINIANS, AND WHICH WE REGARD AS A TRIAL PERIOD FOR A CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION.) IN LIGHT OF THESE POINTS OF AGREEMENT WE CAN NOW MAKE PROPOSALS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE INCLUDED IN OUR REPLIES TO THE AMERICANS A MONTH AGO. END TEXT.
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